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- 1. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME TODAY THAT GOV
 CONSIDERS VISIT BY PRESIDENT PEREZ EARLY NEXT YEAR
 TO BE A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER. HE SAID THAT HE AND
 THE PRESIDENT ARE CONVINCED THAT 1977 SHOULD REFLECT
 A MAJOR EFFORT TO REINFORCE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN
 VENEZUELA AND THE US. A VISIT EARLY IN THE CARTER
 ADMINISTRATION WOULD THEREFORE BE MOST USEFUL AND
 IMPORTANT. SUCH A VISIT, THE MINISTER SAID, SHOULD BE
 CAREFULLY PLANNED.
- 2. THE MINISTER SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS CONSIDERING ONE TRIP JUST TO THE US AND POSSIBLY CANADA, PUTTING OFF THE VISIT TO OTHER COUNTRIES (FRANCE, YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA AND IRAN -- SEE REFTEL) TO A LATER DATE. HE IS NOT SURE IF THE PRESIDENT WILL FINALLY DECIDE TO DO THIS BUT HE THINKS HE MAY. THE MINISTER SAID HE THOUGHT THE LAST HALF OF MARCH WOULD BE AN IDEAL TIME. I SAID THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT YET HAD A CHANCE TO FOCUS ON THE QUESTION OF DATES AND THAT WE WOULD SIMPLY HAVE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM LATER.
- 3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECTED CAP'S CONFIDENTIAL

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